GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL COMMISSION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 95 percent of the labour force in India is unskilled and its productivity is 14 times higher than the skilled labourers;

(b) if so, whether so initiatives have far no been taken to nurture their skills and make them more efficient;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish around 600 institutions around the country to train assess and issue competence certificate for unskilled labourers and maid servants by setting up National Commission of Vocational Education as reported in the Times of India dated March 22, 2007;

(e) if so, the detailed plan chalked out by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the extent to which this proposal is likely to help unskilled labourers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a): According to an estimate based on NSSO (National Sample Survey Organisation) Report No. 409, 50th round (1993-94) only 5.06% youth in labour force in the country are vocationally trained.

(b) & (c): The Prime Minister in his Independence Day (2006) speech had announced to launch a Mission on Vocational Education. Consequent upon the announcement a Task Force has been constituted on 6.12.2006 by the Planning Commission to suggest steps to promote Vocational Education and Training during 11th Plan period and beyond.

(d) to (f): At present no such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.